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1. AS OF MAY 7 ALL BUT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE "TROPICAL ISLAND EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNITY PROJECT" HAD DEPARTED HONDURAS BY AIR FOR LOS ANGELES. THE SEVEN REMAINING HAD DEMONSTRATED SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES TO BE ALLOWED TO STAY AS TOURIST.

2. ACCORDING TO IMMIGRATION CHIEF FLORES ALL HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO DEPART WITHOUT PREJUDICE EXCEPT MILES AND SWERINGER WHO WERE TECHNICALLY DEPORTED SO AS NOT TO BE PERMITTED REENTRY.

3. REPATRIATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PURCHASE IN LOS ANGELES OF 49 RETURN PASSAGES. SOURCE OF FUNDS UNCLEAR. IN TWO TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSOFF GEORGE PERKINS, THE DIRECTOR OF "INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES" THE "PROJECT'S" PARENT ORGANIZATION, CLAIMED HAD PURCHASED TICKETS. HOWEVER, IN RADIO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MILE'S WIFE, MARILYN IN ROATAN, SHE STATED MONEY WAS PUT UP BY MILE'S FAMILY TO GUARANTEE HIS RELEASE FROM CUSTODY.

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4. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL PROJECT PARTICIPANTS WHO TRAVELED TO

TEGUCIGALPA TO SEEK HELP, MANY MEMBERS OF GROUP DESIRE PRESS
CRIMINAL CHARGES OF FRAUD AGAINST MILES AND SWERINGER IN
CALIFORNIA.

5. WHILE AWAITING REPATRIATION MILES AND SWERINGER WERE HELD
IN CUSTODY OF IMMIGRATION IN ROATAN JAIL. REST OF GROUP WAS
PROVIDED SHELTER AND FOOD ON ROATAN BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND
AUTHORITIES.
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